

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received on 1/6/06 and the RCE filed 2/16/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-11, 13-18, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 1/6/06 has been entered. Currently, claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-21, 23-24, and 26 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. The cancellation of claim 22 has overcome the rejection cited in the Final Office Action dated 10/19/05. Therefore the rejection has been withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-14, filed 1/6/06, with respect to the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-21, 23-24, and 26 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-21, 23-24, and 26 has

been withdrawn. Particularly, the examiner agrees that the amendment to add the limitation, "as one document" overcomes the prior art of record.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-18, 20-21, 23-24, and 26 allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The examiner believes that it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine a printing device that outputs as one document a mixture of a first print paper that is not to be folded and a second print paper that is to be fold into a predetermined form, wherein the first print paper and the second print paper are of different sizes, and that additional information that is added to the second print paper, which is folded, is recognizable at a glance without opening the folded print paper, as is the additional information on the first print paper, which is not folded with the other limitations set forth in the claims.

The closest prior art, previously noted as Wakamatsu et al. (US 5905935), discloses a digital copying machine that includes a folding device for folding output paper into Z shape. A user can select the size of the paper and whether or not the paper should be folded. However, Wakamatsu fails to disclose a printing device that outputs as one document a mixture of a first print paper that is not to be folded and a second print paper that is to be fold into a predetermined form, wherein the first print paper and the second print paper are of different sizes, and that additional information

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that is added to the second print paper, which is folded, is recognizable at a glance without opening the folded print paper, as is the additional information on the first print paper, which is not folded.

The prior art of Kurogane et al. (US 5126858) discloses a system in which a user can select the presence/absence of additional information to be printed with a document and the location of the additional information when selection is made. However, Kurogane fails to disclose a printing device that outputs as one document a mixture of a first print paper that is not to be folded and a second print paper that is to be fold into a predetermined form, wherein the first print paper and the second print paper are of different sizes, and that additional information that is added to the second print paper, which is folded, is recognizable at a glance without opening the folded print paper, as is the additional information on the first print paper, which is not folded.

Therefore, for these reasons, the claims are rendered allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark R. Milia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7408. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler M. Lamb can be reached at (571) 272-7406. The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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